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In re application of: Sandhu et al.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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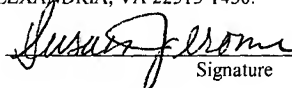
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After awarding the above-captioned divisional application the benefit of the priority date of its parent – U.S. Application Ser. No. 09/589,671, filed June 7, 2000 -- please amend the current application as follows.

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Applicants are concurrently submitting formal drawings in the form requested by the Patent Office – with identification (inventorship, Atty. Docket No.) located at the top center of each sheet. The formal drawings contain no new matter.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Applicants are concurrently submitting a clean substitute specification in the paragraph-numbered form requested by the Patent Office. The substitute specification contains no new

matter. Applicants are also submitting a marked-up version of the substitute specification showing changes in relation to the specification originally submitted in the parent application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 14-51 and 54-58 without prejudice.

REMARKS

Claims 1-59 are part of the original Specification

Claims 14-51 and 54-58 are cancelled without prejudice.

Claims 1-13, 52-53, and 59 are the only claims pending as of this Preliminary Amendment. These claims represent claims that Applicants did not elect in response to a restriction required during prosecution of the parent application. (See Office Action of 9/26/01 for U.S. App. Ser. No. 09/589,671. The Examiner identified these claims as Group I claims "drawn to a semiconductor device, classified in class 257, subclass 303." If there are any matters which may be resolved or clarified through a telephone interview, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the number indicated.

Respectfully submitted,



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